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**SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP NEWSLETTER NO 69/70**

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EDITORIAL.

Well high there reader and first of all I must apologies for the newsletter being late again, but with the old summer holidays, things have been rather slow and laid back over the last 3 weeks or so. If you have tried to ring me or have written a letter and still await a reply, fear not, one will get to you in the next day or so. July and August have been rather busy months in the Ufology field... So far, two people have completed last months quiz and lets hope we get one or two more readers having a go... Also, I have had 12 people who are interested in the Oxford conference on the 29th September. Remember readers, if we do not get enough of you out there interested, then the venture will have to be cancelled. But, now all the moans are now over, lets get on with the serious things in life.

The press has been somewhat over run with articles concerning Crop Circles that have been 'Cropping-up' over the country with one of the latest appearing at Stonehenge (See crop circle update). No UFO sightings to report in Southampton over the past month as such but some mystery lights were reported over Southampton in late July, but have yet to be explained. The Television has also been running a few good programs and cable Tv has had its mix of good bits and repeats ('What would the cable network do without the old repeats !).

It appears that in a previous newsletter, I got things slightly wrong in that Mr. Philip Mantle has not yet resigned his post within BUFORA just yet. This will take effect from April 1997 when one assumes he will be putting Ufology on the back burner from this date.

The film *Independence Day* went on general release on the 9th August and was a complete sell out on the first night in Southampton (Even the preview showing on the 8th was a total sell out) so your editor will have to wait a few more days before he can experience a film that in America has grossed \$134 Million Dollars since its release and I understand that the sequel is already planned as *Independence Day* has broken all box office records. This appears not to be the only UFO film to come out of America this year as there are to be 10 releases in 1996/7 that have a Ufology slant.

Life has been discovered on Mars, but not as we know it hey Jim ! and the search for life on Mars goes on. The Americans now plan to launch 10 probes to the planet in the next 10 years to discover the truth about the planet and president Clinton of the United States has given his full backing to the project. The life that has been discovered came from a lump of Martian rock that landed on the earth a few million years ago. After scientists took samples, they found microscopic fossils that were within the rock itself. They claim that they are the building blocks for life and that there was life on Mars millions of years ago.

In the *News of the World* dated 21.7.96, part of the article contained a short interview with the Tory defence Minister Nicholas Soames. 'Tory Defence Minister Nicholas Soames has scoffed at the idea of little green men. And he insists flying saucers are no threat to Britain. But the Government is watching - just in case.

Mr Soames told MPs that no UFO had ever been investigated (Strange that, as Nick Pope said that he investigated the Bentwaters case and found no evidence of alien landings), despite the fact that a Government unit (The one that Nick Pope worked for I presume !) logs 300 sightings a year. 'There is no evidence to indicate the UK air defence may have been compromised,' he said... (Funny thing is that the case concerning the BA aircraft in January 1995 that encountered a 'Flying Triangle on approach to Manchester airport, has been put down as an unknown object when investigated by the air accident investigation unit at Farnborough (Run by the Government). One can sight other incidents like this, that Mr Soames appears not to be aware of... Or is he ?).

Those of you who have not heard of or seen Malcolm Terry who ran the Andover UFO/Crop Circle group, fear not he is still around as I recently saw him at Netley Marsh Steam Rally near Southampton in July. He looked very well and we spoke for a few minutes and it appears he is now actively involved in fund raising for children.

I wonder what our society is coming to especially in Southampton. I shall explain. I received a phone call from Mr Roger Rosag of GEP a German UFO group. He was in this country for his holiday and wondered if we could meet. I said yes by all means and I arranged for him to ring me the next day so we could finalise arrangements. Friday morning came and went, and then in the afternoon, I received a phone call from the General hospital in Southampton. They asked me if I knew Mr Rosag and I explained that we had only spoken to each other on the telephone. The Sister said that he wanted to see me in the hospital and so I said I would go over and see him. When I arrived, to say I was shocked was an understatement. Roger's face looked like he had been in a fight with Mike Tyson and lost. It appeared that he was walking home late at night after going out for the evening and was returning to his hotel. Suddenly he was confronted by 4 yobs, one brandishing a knife and one of them decided to knock six bells out of Roger. Roger ended up with two heavily blackened eyes and 4 fractures to the front of his skull. Words cannot explain what I feel about the scum bags that attacked Roger. If and when they are caught, they should be strung up as there appeared no motive for the attack as they did not rob him, but just kicked the S\*\*T out of him. May I apologise to Roger on behalf of the Southampton population who are not like these scum and are good honest law abiding citizens.

#### WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN MARCH 1995.

#### REGIONAL ARTICLES.

- 1.3.95 - Gloucester Citizen : Lights in the Night Sky.
- 2.3.95 - Kidderminster Shuttle : UFO Over Trimpley.
- 2.3.95 - Widnes World : Close Encounter Over Castlefields.
- 3.3.95 - Burnley Express : No Title.
- 3.3.95 - Dursley Gazette : Close Encounters of a Terrestrial Kind....
- 3.3.95 - Burton Daily Mail : Buzzed By Flying Pyramid.
- 3.3.95 - Glasgow Daily Record : For The Record.
- 4.3.95 - Belfast Telegraph : Extra Terrestrial Encounter Claim.
- 4.3.95 - Huddersfield Examiner ; Strange Lights in the Sky.

7.3.95 - Belfast Newsletter : *UFO Mystery Baffles City.*  
8.3.95 - Derby Evening Telegraph : *Aliens in the Sky ?*  
8.3.95 - Ellesmere Port Pioneer : *Close Encounters.*  
9.3.95 - Aberdeen Press and Journal : *UFOs in Forres.*  
9.3.95 - Widnes World : *UFO Fever Sweeps Runcorn*  
9.3.95 - Ilchester Observer : *UFOs Spotted at Birdham.*  
10.3.95 - Buckingham Advertiser : *It Came from Outer Space... Or Did It ?*  
10.3.95 - Huddersfield Examiner : *Space Visitors.*  
10.3.95 - Matlock Mercury : *Flying Object Spotted over Matlock.*  
10.3.95 - Gloucester Citizen : *Mystery UFO seen after Storm.*  
13.3.95 - Lancashire Evening Post : *Is this Close Encounter Really up to Scratch ?*  
13.3.95 - Wrexham Evening Leader : *Top Boffins Probe 'Aliens on the A5'.*  
13.3.95 - Southend Evening Echo : *Seen a UFO? Call Hotline.*  
14.3.95 - Dundee Courier and Advertiser : *Pie in the Sky ?*  
14.3.95 - Northampton Chronicle and Echo : *Man Watches 'UFO' Head for Far Cotton.*  
15.3.95 - Radlett and Borehamwood Advertiser : *Couple's Shocking 'UFO' Encounter.*  
15.3.95 - Southend Evening Echo : *Couple keep a UFO Diary to Solve Lights Mystery.*  
15.3.95 - Harpenden Advertiser : *Couple's Shocking 'UFO' Encounter.*  
16.3.95 - Derby Evening Telegraph : *Light in the Sky is Taped.*  
16.3.95 - Southend Evening Echo : *Out of this World.*  
17.3.95 - Southend Evening Echo : *No Title.*  
17.3.95 - Yale Gazette : *Another Glowing UFO Spotted in Night Sky.*  
17.3.95 - Buckingham Advertiser : *UFO : More Sightings.*  
17.3.95 - Forest and Wye Valley Review : *Orange Light.*  
17.3.95 - Cornish Times : *Report Any UFO Sighting.*  
17.3.95 - Denbighshire Free Press : *'Aliens Spoke With Cyclist'.*  
18.3.95 - Western Mail : *Open Minds on UFOs.*  
22.3.95 - Belfast Telegraph : *UFO 'Sighting' Causes Stir.*  
22.3.95 - Harpenden Advertiser : *Dozens of 'UFO' Spotters see the Light.*  
23.3.95 - Burton Mail : *Flying Saucer Claim By Couple.*  
23.3.95 - Falkirk Herald : *UFO Sighting.*  
27.3.95 - Newark Advertiser : *UFO Calls are a lot of Hot Air.*  
28.3.95 - Ellesmere Port Pioneer : *UFO Mystery in Sky.*  
29.3.95 - Scarborough Evening News : *No Title.*  
29.3.95 - Yorkshire Evening Press : *Switzerland.*  
30.3.95 - Chorley Guardian : *ET Makes A Flying Visitation.*  
30.3.95 - Cheltenham Independent : *Ready To Believe You.*  
31.3.95 - Birmingham Post : *Next Stop Jerusalem.*  
31.3.95 - Ilkeston Advertiser : *UFO Sighting Mystery Solved.*  
31.3.95 - Derby Evening Telegraph : *It's a UFO Signal.*  
31.3.95 - Bridgnorth Journal : *Mystery of 'Lights in the Sky'.*

## NATIONAL ARTICLES.

5.3.95 - *The People : Aliens are Captured ... On Film.*  
12.3.95 - *The Independent On Sunday : Paperbacks (Dark White - Aliens, Abductions and the UFO Obsession.*  
12.3.95 - *The Observer : Shiny New Guns Appear in Bosnia's twilight Zone.*  
23.3.95 - *Guardian : No Title.*  
27.3.95 - *Daily Mail : UFO Premiere for UFO Film the Americans Suppressed.*  
28.3.95 - *Daily Mail : Little Green Men or Big Green Dollars ?*

## NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN.

10.3.95 - *Chronicle : Skywatch*  
15.3.95 - *Evening Echo : No Title.*  
15.3.95 - (Morecambe, Lancashire) : *Did U C UFO ?*

## LOCAL ARTICLES.

7.3.95 - *Portsmouth News : UFOs and Crop Rings Under the Spotlight.*  
11.3.95 - *Portsmouth News : Search Skyline for Those Visiting Aliens.*

## CROP CIRCLE ARTICLES.

3.3.95 - *Dorset Evening Echo : David's Crop of Circle Stories.*  
15.3.95 - *Hull Daily Mail : Corn Field Circles the Work of Alien Force, Say Experts.*  
28.3.95 - *Manchester Evening News : Corn Circle Boffins Goes Back to Grass Roots.*

## PRESS/TV/RADIO MATTERS 15TH JUNE - 15TH AUGUST 1996.

### TV (JUNE).

17.6.96 : *Mysteries, Magic and Miracles : Governments and UFO's (Repeat).*  
18.6.96 : *Sky 1 - The X-Files. (Part 2) Aliens taking over human bodies.*  
18.6.96 : *Mysteries, Magic and Miracles : UFO Special - Roswell.*  
18.6.96 : *Strange Days. Featured Malcolm Robinson (SPI Scotland) for about 1 minute*

21.6.96 : Future Fantastic Presented by Gillian Anderson (The sexy one in the X-Files !).  
Alien Contact.

24.6.96 : Mysteries, Magic and Miracles. Man claims he has an alien father (Repeat)

25.6.96 : The Why Files.

This featured a dear friend of mine who lives down in Devon, Joan Amos, who related local UFO sightings and sightings of the mystery big cats. An interesting item and well worth a look at.

26.6.96 : Unexplained - UFOs and Close Encounters. (Repeat)

## TV (JULY).

2.7.96 : The Why Files.

This related to a sky watch that took place in Sutton In Craven, North Yorkshire and a UFO that was seen during the sky watch. An interesting item that interviewed the people that were there at the time.

3.7.96 : A.C.Clarkes - Aliens Contacting Earth.

13.7.96 : Unsolved Mysteries.

This featured the story of the Valentich case in Australia where a pilot encountered a UFO and was never seen again. I must of missed this when it was shown back in 1992, and was a good item about a case that makes an appearance every now and then.

15.7.96 : Secrets of the Paranormal (Repeat) First shown on BBC television.

15.7.96 : Alien Autopsy - Fact or Fiction. (Repeat)

16.7.96 : The X-Files.

16.7.96 : Secrets of the Paranormal (Repeat)

16.7.96 : The UFO Incident. Film based on the Betty/Barney Hill abduction. (Repeat)

18.7.96 : Hanger 18 Film. (Repeat)

22.7.96 : Sightings. UFO cover-up (Rendlesham Forest) and Wisconsin's (USA) UFO's.

23.7.96 : Out of this World. Featured 2 women who claim they were abducted by aliens.

23.7.96 : Sightings. Gulf Breeze Up-Date.

25.7.96 : Sightings. *UFO Hot Spots, UFO Hoaxing and Cattle Mutilations.*

26.7.96 : *Magic and Mystery Show. Operation Right To Know. Featured Nick Pope and Paul Vigay.*

30.7.96 : *Sightings. The Avebury Mystery Lights, Alien Evolution and the Big Wow (Radio Telescopes searching for ET life).*

#### TV (AUGUST).

5.8.96 : *Alien Encounters : Alien Autopsy - Fact or Fiction. (Repeat)*

6.8.96 : *Sightings. UFO Disinformation and Crop Circle Update.*

6.8.96 : *GMTV : Nick Pope (Part Only)*

6.8.96 : *Out of this World : Flying Triangles and interview with pilot who reported a sighting.*

7.8.96 : *The Unexplained : Alien Abductions (60 Mins). The Discovery Channel (Cable Tv).*

This was one of the best programs shown on the Discovery channel and showed an insight to the world of alien abductions. There was interviews with Dr John E. Mack and how he was stitched up at a national conference of Cicops by a reporter who claimed that she had made up the story of an abduction, and there was a look at the work of Budd Hopkins as the cameras followed him on a visit to people who claim that they and their children had been abducted by aliens. This was a fascinating program and I hope to show it at the next group meeting.

8.8.96 : *CNN News : Roy Lake (London UFO Studies Group).*

My good friend Roy was interviewed with regards to the latest news of life that may have been found on Mars (a fossilised worm). Poor Roy did not have a chance to put his point over, as he appeared on the item for less than 2 minutes (I know for a fact that Roy said that the camera crew interviewed him for a lot longer) and he was cut off in mid sentence. But don't worry about it Roy, at least you appeared on Tv's all around the world mate !

13.8.96 : *Sightings. New Mexico UFO Mystery and Cattle Mutilation Up-date.*

13.8.96 : *The X-Files.*

This was the last in the 3rd series and as ever we are left up in the air as to what happens until the next series. As ever, a brilliant story line and I must admit it left me wondering what happens next. The next series is to be screened next year but I hope this series will soon appear on British Tv for those of you without cable television.

## PRESS (JUNE)

27.6.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Shapes send experts round in circles.

Something strange is stirring in the South's cornfields - the hoary old summer mystery of the crop circles is back.

Recently mysterious swirled shapes have started cropping up in fields of wheat, barley and oil seed rape.

As sure a sign as any that summer is finally here, circles have appeared across Hampshire and Wiltshire - infuriating farmers and sending UFO buffs into a frenzy of excitement.

One pattern which turned up overnight in a field at Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, is being hailed as the most astonishing circle formation ever to appear.

Made up of 96 gently swirled and braided circles, paranormal investigators say it is the work of a higher intelligence and see no connection with a certain football tournament.

They have also pronounced a delicate petal shape which materialised in a field of wheat at Upper Clatford, near Andover, as the genuine article.

Shapes have also appeared at North Oakley, Basingstoke, in oilseed rape.

Circle expert Lucy Pringle, who claims to have been healed of a recurring shoulder injury while standing in a Hampshire pattern, said the latest shapes are 'mind-blowing'.

'They say so many different things that there can be no doubt we are dealing with a higher intelligence,' said Mrs Pringle, from Petersfield, who has been stalking the circlemakers for 15 years.

'We are still no nearer the answer as to who or what is behind this phenomenon. But these latest shapes are 600 ft long and I can see no way any human could have created them'.

One human who can safely be ruled out is Southampton's arch crop circle hoaxter Doug Bower, who claims to have crafted several shapes using a rope and a plank. Doug, 72, is laid up at home with a nasty bout of arthritis.

The new shape discovered at Alton Barnes, near Petersfield, has prompted world-wide interest. Japanese scientists who believe the circles could hide secret energy sources are heading for the South after hearing about the latest manifestation.

'I believe it is a higher intelligence. But the best thing about is it brings people together,' say Polly Carson, who farms the land where it was found.

28.6.96 : Daily Mail : Column by Andrew Alexander.

29.6.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Lid slowly opening on the UFO mystery (letter).

Like David Williams (Letters, June 21) I, too, was part of the huge crowd at Nick Pope's book signing lecture, and slide show at Southampton's Dillons book store.

While I would agree that the ex-UFO Ministry of Defence 'expert' said that there was 'no cover up' on the UFO enigma in this country, it must be remembered that he is still bound under the Official Secrets Act, he still works for the MoD, has just been 'promoted' to the equivalent rank of major in another job.

Yet he still went on to show us, in his talk, and in his book, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, that his belief is that an alien technology is breaching our defences with virtual impunity and has been doing so for years, despite the 'official' MoD denials.

Since many of us already know that, we took his words as being rather tongue firmly in cheek!

As for David's complaints about the 30-year ban on UFO reports .... that is another familiar red herring !

I have been invited up to the MoD's UFO File department at Kew, as have others, but the files I have been referred to are mainly 'lights n the sky' - always problematical.

My query regarding a daylight sighting in the early 60s of a 'glowing cigar', that just vanished when two meteor jets from Thorney Island tried to intercept it over Portsdown Hill, escaped the 30-year clause because the MoD 'did not keep files as far back as that'?

Rest assured, Mr Williams, the lid is slowly but inevitably opening on this particular can of worms ... which beats the BSE and baby milk scandals, among others, wholesale ! Hence, the tooth and nail fight by the powers-that-be to keep it well under wraps ... until now.

At the back of it all, the mystery is political in aspect, since an increasing number of us realise that what it is really all about is the catastrophic state of the planet we cling to - our children's, and their children's, future.

Yet still we see greed, violence, wars, brother against brother, pollution of the earth, sea and air ... the whole due to continuing ignorance of our true place in the universe.

Ernie Sears (Southampton UFO Group member...ED).

## PRESS (JULY).

5.7.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Women are telling tales of the lights fantastic.

It was a scene Stephen Spielberg couldn't have done better.

An old woman, driving into Southampton from Otterbourne late at night sees the midnight sky light up around her.

Standing alone in a telephone box below the flashing clouds she calls the police. Is it aliens ?

Later that night another woman, in the city centre, calls the Daily Echo from her garden to tell us the northern lights are visible over the city for the first time in years. Is it nature's most stunning natural show ?

sadly not. What could have been a night of supernatural happenings to be light X-File fans was in fact a promotional light-show by the city's newest night-club.

The Academy, in Lower Bannister Street, is realising that its roof top laser show has attracted perhaps too much attention.

Assistant manager Simon Dell said : 'We thought the only people it would bother would be Eastleigh airport. We thought we might have planes landing in Bedford Place.

'It's just this laser thing we plug in each night. It's only temporary. I really didn't think you could see it from that sort of distance'.

Northlands Road resident Fionnuala Engesvik sat with her husband Arne for 45 Mins last night watching what she thought was the amazing aurora borealis, which she'd seen during her 40 years living in Norway.

'I knew it was the wrong time of year, but we really thought that was what we saw. I remember when I was a kid in Southampton in the early 1930s my father woke me up late one night and said this is the Northern Lights, and you aren't likely to see them again'.

Police were unable to comment on the UFO sighting, but said the call from a telephone box on the Otterbourne Road 'stuck in their minds'.

7.7.96 : Sunday People : The UFO Files.

10.7.96 : Daily Mirror : Aliens' Highway.

15.7.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Experts in a spin at Henge circles.

A spectacular crop circle pattern has materialised under the noses of security guards at Stonehenge.

The 900ft pattern, a representation of a complex mathematical symbol, is attracting more visitors than the stones.

Researchers today flew in from the USA to examine the shape made up of 150 circles.

It is an accurate representation of the Julia Mandelbrot, a computer-generated pattern of the boundary between order and chaos.

Circle expert Colin Andrews, from Andover, said : 'This is the most dramatic formation I have ever seen. It is absolutely magnificent'.

Mr Andrew's believes a higher intelligence is behind the circle - which he claims is a final warning to mankind to mend his ways.

'The representation represents what is happening in nature - order appears to be sliding into chaos because of environmental destruction' he said.

One of the first people into the formation was the enigmatically-named US circle expert Ilyes, who said she could feel energies of the 'love vibration' pulsing through the field of wheat.

'This is a message telling us to stop us destroying our earth. It is designed to raise our consciousness' she said.

The circle is proving a money-spinner for farmer Ian Sandell, who is charging £2 entry and doing a brisk trade in aerial photographs.

16.7.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Circle formation believers may come a cropper.

Crop circle experts were today reeling with shock after a Southampton University boffin admitted drawing up the design for a spectacular formation at Stonehenge.

Researchers had hailed the dramatic 900ft pattern, which appeared overnight under the noses of security guards, as 'absolutely magnificent'.

Colin Andrews, from Andover, who has been chasing the 'circle makers' for 15 years, said it was the work of a higher intelligence. But today Chris Nash, a researcher in optoelectronics at Southampton, claimed he knew who was responsible for the circle shape - and it wasn't aliens.

'When Colin says it is the work of a higher intelligence he is absolutely right,' said Mr Nash.

The spiral pattern, made up of 150 circles, a representation of the most complex symbol of mathematics - a computer generated diagram of the boundary between order and chaos called the Fibonacci Series.

Mr Nash adds : 'I have discussed the Fibonacci Series with people who are circle makers (I wonder if he means the Wessex Sceptics as they are based at the University of Southampton... Ed ???????) but it's up to them to go public. I just watch.'

Mr Andrews said today : 'We always have people coming forward making these sorts of claims because they want to rubbish the phenomenon.'

'Where's the concrete proof ? I would have thought anyone with an ounce of intelligence would have made sure they had evidence they had made something like this'.

Circle believers claimed they could feel mysterious energies of the 'love vibration' pulsing through the field.

Robert Morning Sky, leader of the Hopi Indian tribe, and an Aztec elder are flying to Britain this week to visit the field opposite Stonehenge. They believe the corn circle is a message from an anguished Mother Earth.

18.7.96 : The Sun : The Unexplained.

21.796 : *News of the World : Terminators on your Doorstep*

As the introduction says 'The countdown has started. On August 9 epic sci-fi film *Independence Day* opens across Britain. It is set to become the biggest blockbuster of all time - dwarfing *Jurassic Park*, *ET* and *Mission Impossible*. In America, people have queued all night to get in to see it. The film has also spawned a huge new wave of interest in UFO and extra-terrestrial sightings. We asked you what experiences you had. Your response was out of this world'. The article contains sightings of strange black helicopters and a photograph of an alleged UFO.

PRESS (AUGUST).

2.8.96 : *Southampton Evening Echo : Hoax or horror ?*

The leader of the South American Incas is flying to the South to see the mysterious circles which are cropping up in corn fields across the region.

Tlakgelel, an indigenous elder from Mexico, believes the strange swirled patterns are a message from a higher intelligence warning of environmental catastrophe.

The 86-year old wise man can trace his lineage back thirty generations to the ancient Inca 'Poet King' Netzahualcoyotl.

Tlakgelel (pronounced Clock-i-elli) will visit the spectacular crop circle which materialised under the noses of security guards three weeks ago at Stonehenge.

Made up of 150 separate circles, it was one of the most amazing formations ever to appear and represents a complex mathematical symbol.

Scientists at Southampton University had a more mundane explanation - they claimed to have helped hoaxers draw up the design.

Nevertheless, word of the enigma has crossed the Atlantic and reached tribes throughout the Amazon, who asked Tlakgelel to visit circles in Hampshire and Wiltshire.

He will make a range of public appearances at the Coronation Hall in Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, where another huge crop circle representing the DNA spiral appeared earlier in the summer, at 3pm this Sunday.

Circle expert Lyn Gladwin said: 'we are all very excited about Tlakgelel's visit. He has much ancient knowledge and we hope he can decode the messages in the crop circle patterns.'

3.8.96 : *Daily Mail Magazine : X Marks the spot where the aliens were sighted - But what on earth were they doing in Bonnybridge ?*

8.8.96 : *Southampton Evening Echo : Belief which really leaves its mark.*

The South has gone alien crazy and this has proved good news for one Southampton tattooist who has opened a new shop that specialises in 'little grey men'.

Alien tattoos in Portswood Road, Southampton, has never known business so good. Over the past few months since *X-Files* fever hit the South scores of men and women have been flocking to the shop to have images of UFOs tattooed on their torsos.

The trend is due to the success of cult entertainment shows like the *X-Files* and new blockbuster movies like *Independence Day* which delve into the world of the paranormal.

Richard Cubbin, 29, is the owner of the city's only alien tattoo parlour - but he believes the growing public interest in this new era of tattoos is related to something much deeper than mere entertainment.

'People are really beginning to believe that there is a higher intelligence out there and the tattoos are a kind of message to others,' he said.

'It is more than just a fashion trend, people come into the shop and like to chat about their encounters with this higher intelligence while being tattooed.'

Mike Rogers, 24, from Southampton, is another believer in a higher intelligence. He has set up a new centre in Southampton for the study of Ufology (UFO's and aliens) with his partner Jason Gray, 25. They believe that the human race is taking far too long to admit that there is something else out there.

'The time has come for people to open their minds and stop being brainwashed that a higher intelligence doesn't exist,' said Mike.

'More and more people are having similar experiences and they are all too similar for them all to be lies. people are becoming more receptive to things like my tattoo.'

It seems the trend is not just among those who believe many of Southampton's long established tattoo shops are beginning to include tattoos of aliens into their designs and the trend has also hit the catwalks.

#### 9.8.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Circling on truth.

He came 6,000 miles in search of truth - the Aztec elder who could hold the answer to the South's mysterious crop circles.

Just five feet tall, but great in stature in his homeland, Francisco Jimenez Sanchez, or Tlakgelel for short, is spiritual leader of the South American Indians.

Tlakgelel, 86, is revered as the holder of 48,000 years of esoteric knowledge - and corn circle watchers hope he might be able to decode the strange swirled shapes that have cropped up in our fields.

Hampshire-based circle expert Colin Andrews sent Tlakgelel pictures of the South's latest manifestations, including the spectacular pattern which cropped up opposite Stonehenge.

After visiting the scared stone circle, Tlakgelel marched into the cornfield - surrounded by crop circle followers.

Speaking through an interpreter, he pronounced : 'They are fantastic. I believe there is a connection between these circles and earth patterns in Mexico, which are very different'.

Tlakgelel said he believed the circles were 'messages' but from who or what, he did not know. He visited another striking pattern, made up of 160 separate circles, which appeared this week close to the ancient stone circles of Avebury.

researcher Lucy Pringle, from Petersfield, has buried tiny bottles of water inside the formation and will send them away to be analysed for any molecular change.

Mrs Pringle, who says she was healed of a nasty shoulder injury while standing in a crop circle, claims to have uncovered evidence of a mysterious energy force.

She says ECG brain test on visitors to circles have produced 'some exciting results.'

#### RADIO (JULY).

31.7.96 : Talk Radio - Dr Richard Lawrence and radio phone in. Typical interview with Richard Lawrence and radio phone-in with a chap who said that he had been in contact with aliens for 15 years and he did not see eye to eye with Richard or the Aetherius Society. It was rather amusing and you did not really learn much at all from it.

## RADIO (AUGUST).

4.8.96 : BBC 1 FM Radio 7pm - 8pm. *Independence Day....*

This was a very amusing P\*\*\* Take of the film *Independence Day* and I think the radio broadcast by H.G. Wells in 1938 'War of the Worlds'. It involved good old Patrick Moore and a radio presenter who saved the day basically. But one part that I found somewhat amusing was the following lines 'That's something you don't see every day.... Patrick Moore fist fighting with an extra terrestrial! It was an amusing item and I thought fairly good.

10.8.96 : BBC Radio 2 : *Nick Pope and the UK's X-Files*. I missed this item, but did anyone else manage to record it ?

## REPORT OF FLYING TRIANGLE OVER SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WARWICKSHIRE.

Date : Last Tuesday in February or first Tuesday in March 1996.

Time : About 1920 to about 1935.

Location : Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

I was upstairs in the front bedroom of the house I share with my girlfriend, I looked out of the window and noticed a very bright 'star' to my left above a house opposite to mine. I took out my binoculars for a better view. To my surprise I saw 2 flashing lights, one orange, the other green. After a few minutes, two aircraft (I think) approached the stationary 'star' which began to move towards me. Without stopping to see what the other 'Aircraft' did, I ran downstairs, without taking my camera. I went out into the garden, and waited a minute or so, a group of three white lights appeared above my house in the shape of a triangle. I called to my girlfriend to come outside, which she did, we heard no sound. I could not see anything the lights were fixed to, perhaps they were three separate objects. We watched them fly over the factory behind our house, I used my binoculars, all I could see were the three white lights :

<---- (DIRECTION)

I ran back inside and upstairs to the back bedroom, I watched as the lights made a 90 deg turn to the left towards Moreton. It stopped suddenly, moved back the way it had come, then went down behind some trees out of my view. (Printed with permission of the witness).

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## CROP CIRCLE UPDATE AS OF 1.8.96.

*July saw what has been the biggest formation so far to hit Southern England and maybe the whole of the 1996 season. Mind you, myself and two colleagues recently went on a circle hunt/sky watch around the Devil's Punch Bowl, near Winchester, only to find that nearly all the fields have been harvested and there was no circle in sight (let alone UFO sightings during our sky watch up until 0100hrs). I understand that the Stonehenge formation is approx. 950ft long and consists of over 150 circles and is derived from a mathematical formula created on a computer. Mind you, an article in the Southampton Evening Echo relates that a Prof. at Southampton University had a word with some crop circle hoaxers (Wessex Sceptics by any chance ?) and told the hoaxers how create this formation. Strange that a little while after he spoke to them, it appeared ? (See press review). Anyway, it appears that a pilot who was driving or flying (I have heard two versions of this saying that he was either flying or driving past the field) past the field noticed nothing strange in the field, yet 45 minutes later when he went past, there was this formation, all 950 ft and 150 circles ? If it was hoaxers, then they must have had wings on their boards and there must of been a good two dozen or more in the field creating it. Or, was there a mass invasion, but they got the day wrong (4th July ?) and made a quick get away or was there a very large vortex roaming Salisbury plain that day and decided to land in that particular field an wham bang thank you mam ! there you have it ! I have also heard that there is a formation down in Somerset and one near to the home of Skysearch researcher Larry Dean in Saltdean, Brighton. Anyway, here goes and remember there may be other formations that I have not mentioned below that have recently appeared :*

Berkshire - Ruscombe, nr Twyford.  
Caversham, near Reading : 40ft circle with ring and 4 satellite circles.

Cambridgeshire - Girton Nr M11 : Large circular ring, Large appendages : Oil Seed Rape.  
Girton Nr M11 : Large circle with crescent appendages : Oil Seed Rape.  
Spaldwick, nr Huntingdon : Large single circle : Barley.

East Sussex - Near Saltdean (No other details).

Hampshire - Near Basingstoke : Crescent inside a ring : Oil seed rape.  
Near Basingstoke : Circle with ring : Oil seed rape.  
Goodworth Clatford : Approx. 80ft across : Barley.  
Ropley Dean, Near Winchester : Double ring, 150 - 200ft dia : Barley.  
Kingsclere (A339), near Newbury : Ring and central Celtic cross : Wheat.  
East Oakley, near Basingstoke : S American symbol : Wheat.  
Privett, near Alton : Circle with circles around it.

Lancashire - Sollion, nr Southport : Large anti-clockwise circle with path and smaller circle.

Oxfordshire - Denton, Nr Oxford : 45ft dia circle : Oil Seed Rape.  
Garsington, nr Oxford : Path approx. 1,000ft long with various smaller circles along it : Barley.  
Wheatley, Nr Oxford : Circle, two rings and two grapeshot.  
Burford : 97 ft circle and 2 extrusions.

Somerset - Matlock : No Other Details.

Wiltshire - Opposite Silbury Hill : 6 Petal formation : Barley.  
Opposite Silbury Hill : Spiral : Barley.  
Devizes : 20ft circle with ring and 6 smaller circles : Hay.  
East Field, Alton Barnes : 12 circles and interwoven 80 circle double helix  
'DNA' type pattern : Barley.  
Cherhill : 30ft single circle : Barley.  
Milk Hill, Alton Barnes : Scorpion pictogram : Barley.  
Stonehenge : Julia set style pictogram : 150 circles (approx) and 950ft long (approx.) : Wheat

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## VIDEO REVIEW BY THE WHEATEAR.

### U.F.O.S CROP CIRCLE FORMATIONS & THE PARANORMAL. SUBTITLED : THE SECRETS UNFOLD. AS TIME RUNS OUT.

The cover of this video has the word U.F.O's in bold red letters & crop formations in much smaller letters, no doubt aiming for the more numerous U.F.O enthusiast that the cerealogist among us while the picture cover depicts an alien head with the magnificent Barbury castle crop formation behind accompanied by a flying black triangle & Stonehenge. Its contents however are far less exciting. The three from Andover in Hampshire, The 'A' team I will call them, that any follower of the crop circle development will already know from books and videos. The 3 from Andover have already appeared in, Like the UFO incident at Alton Barnes in 1992, Busty's find in a crop circle of 'interesting strange jelly stuff' (Technical stuff this), and Colin Andrews recounting Joyce Bowers and Ted Pratt's encounter at Chilcomb in 1976 and his first experiences with crop circles etc etc. Reg points out when talking about Roswell that weather balloons in those days of Crop Circles were the same material as condoms ! I ponder this for 10 seconds and move on. To hear the 'A' team go on you would think the majority of crop circles were genuine and the odd formation was a hoax or as Busty dared to say, 'I admit quite a few were man made'. Photo's they show, and there are not many, were without doubt in my mind hoaxed. The one in the Punch Bowl at Cheesefoot Head, Near Winchester, Hampshire last year was a hoax, so why show this bloody nonsense. Surely by now more evidence would be more abundant even Busty teases us with comments such as one day he will reveal to us (On his future video) more secrets of what he has found over the years. 'Secrets' I ask you, Why hide evidence ? we criticise the powers that be for there secrecy and here Busty admits he has evidence that only a few know about. Colin talks about formations that appeared at nearby Headbourne Worthy during the 1920's, something Paul Fuller has made a study of at length, but it is Busty who seems to get in a muddle over where Von Dorkheim & Steve Alexander recorded there alleged UFO footage. The Von Dorkheim footage was shot at Manton, nr Marlborough, but according to Busty it was Alton Barnes, some miles away. The last part of this video had the 'A' team sitting on a bench together raising all manner of deep & meaningful questions.

The Santilli footage cropped up and Colin was guarded to say the least, a being of some sort he said, subtle Colin. While the 3 rattled on, Busty and Colin were squeezing and fondling a rubber ball that looked like the earth (What would have Freud said about this I wonder !). I am sorry if I sound overly critical, but this video is rather pointless in my opinion. However, I am sure it will appeal to the American market more.

The Wheatear.

## SUMMER QUIZ.....

This months quiz like last months gives you a chance to win a 3 hr video from the editors collection. Please send all answers to the editors address no later than 1st October 1996. The first correct (Or rather nearly correct answer) will win the video. Oh by the way, the editor made some what of an error in last months quiz. Question 11 should of read 'What was the name of the Austrian (Not Australian) scientist who discovered Orgone Radiation'. I have made allowances for this error and I apologies to you as well as the Wheatear who like this quiz, provided the questions.... (lets hope I get it right this time....)

1. What was the name of the crop watch that for over a week kept surveillance over the fields at Cheesefoot Head in Hampshire during 1988. Was it A) Operation White Crow  
B) Operation Wheatear  
C) Operation Cornstomp.
2. Who first defined the term 'Close encounter of the first kind or C.E.1 : \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In July of 1991 coinciding with a solar eclipse, numerous footage of U.F.O's were recorded in a video called 'Messengers of destiny'. What was the country where these amazing sightings were filmed : \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Which crop circle hoaxer who allegedly worked for the CIA wrote a book called 'Round in Circles' : \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What name was given to the lights that often followed aircraft during the Second World War : \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Name the 3 types of crop that crop circles are often to be found in : \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The film 'Fire in the Sky' was based on whose abduction experience : \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In 1993 a crop formation appeared to show a 200ft long penis, near whose residence did this 'Pornogram' appear. Was it : A) The Queen  
B) The Prime Minister  
C) The Archbishop of Canterbury.
9. Who Co-wrote with Colin Andrews the book 'Circular Evidence' : \_\_\_\_\_.
10. what was the name of the RAF / USAF base near Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk, which was the scene of a close encounter of the second kind in 1980 ? : \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Which newspaper (That has since closed down) first brought Doug and Dave to the media's attention in its 'exclusive' of 1991. Was it : A) The Sun  
B) The Daily Mail  
C) Today.
12. What was the name of the ship used during the Philadelphia experiment in 1943 :  
\_\_\_\_\_.